### **Bankruptcy Court**

**District of Minnesota** 

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In re:

Bky: No. 03-35458(DDO)

Astrocom Corporation

Chapter 11

**Debtor** 

### Response to Amended Order for Evidentiary Hearing and continued request for Judicial Ruling on Claim Number 48

I am Gunther Karger residing at 14950 S.W. 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158 and Certify that I am Claimant Number 48 in the matter before this Court.

I am herein responding to Item 4 (f) requested by the Court in its "Amended Order for Evidentiary Hearing" issued on August 26, 2004 and received September 23, 2004.

**First,** respectfully continue to **move** that the Court rule on the matter of Claim Number 48 based on the information thus far and inclusive herein already submitted and cancel October 7, 2004 hearing scheduled solely to hear this single matter on the basis that it wastes the Court's time and debtor's very limited resources.

**Second,** may it please the Court, I am attaching my statement, as **Exhibit A** reflecting once more the basis for Claim Number 48 showing its clear justification. I also am appending hereto as **Exhibit B** the statement by Albert Hanser, previously submitted directly by Mr. Hanser to the Clerk of the Court and included in my prior brief, attesting that Gunther Karger has earned the compensation he claimed under Claim Number 48. Lastly, I am attaching hereto as **Exhibit C** an e-mail received from Ronald Thomas on August 10, 2004 stating that he requested his attorney two weeks prior thereto to request a "Judgment" from the Court based on the information thus far presented to which I had agreed as evidenced by my subsequent brief also so requesting.

**Therefore,** I respectfully beg the Court to take all these matters into consideration and issue a ruling based on information thus far inclusive herein submitted to avoid further wasting the Court's time for a matter that should never have been brought to Court in the first place. I respectfully ask the Court to reject the debtor's objection to Claim 48.

**Gunther Karger** Claimant, Pro SE

Dated September 11, 2004

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I certify that copies of this "response" and attachment have been mailed via First Class Mail or fax to the following:

### Office of the United States Trustee

1015 United States Courthouse 300 South Fourth Street Minneapolis, MN 55415

Thomas F. Miller Attorney for Debtor 130 Lake Street West Wayzata, MN 55491

Astrocom Corporation 3500 Holly Lane Ste. 600 Plymouth, MN 55447-1284

Gunther Karger

Claimant Number 48

### Exhibit A

### Statement by Gunther Karger

September 24, 2004 Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158

### **Certification**

I certify that I am Gunther Karger, residing for the past 36 years at 14950 S.W. 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida (formerly Miami, Fl) 33158 and that the statement I give herein reflects the truth about events to the best of my remembrance. I further state that Mr. Albert Hanser, CEO of Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, 2407 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida 33957 and former CEO and Chairman and Director of Astrocom can verify the essence of this statement. Should the Court wish to confirm this, he may be reached at 239-472-8300. I further refer to **Exhibit B** wherein Mr. Hanser confirms Claim Number 47 as valid.

### Statement

I have been familiar with and an investor in Astrocom since about 1985 visiting the firm several times and meeting with its management including its Founder and subsequently meeting Mr. Albert Hanser when he became the company's CEO, Chairman and Director. This was in context of my being editor of a newsletter which existed until about 2001. Resulting from the market meltdown thereafter, I ceased issuing the newsletter on a regular basis and ceased having clients.

During the past three years, I performed services for Astrocom even after I had ceased offering our newsletter service for subscription fees. I did this to honor my moral obligation to keep investors informed as the company had ceased issuing news releases and the regular Annual Reports about its business. This assisted the Company in informing its shareholders about its business. I further performed two additional and separate services which materially helped the company last as long as it did.

First, I had created several reports specifically to assist the company raising funds the company needed to survive via private placements. This effort and related efforts resulted in the raising of approximately \$500,000 in new capital from investors I brought to Astrocom's investment banker and represented a service for which I was never paid. Specifically, in connection with this, I created reports which described Astrocom's new product, The Powerlink in nontechnical terms investors understood because the company's description was very technical and not easily understood by non-engineers.

**Second,** I arranged potential financing with at least two companies (ADC) via a board assisted by Albert Hanser. I personally initiated an introduction to a principal of Warburg Pincus about a possible equity infusion until the Chapter 11 was filed. Ron Thomas knew of this as did Marius Poliac, director of Astrocom and other Astrocom board members.

Third, I brought to the company a number of sales opportunities including introduction to Kroll Associates(the world largest security and risk firm) via Jules Kroll whom I somewhat knew(Founder and Chairman), the CEO of AFC (American Fiber), the Homeland Security Administration in Washington and Minnesota(State level) where I identified the right person who Marius Poliac actually contacted. I further arranged a meeting for Astrocom to discuss the Powerlink and possible company marketing agreement with Proxim Corp to which Brad Pearson, Astrocom's then National Sales Manager, actually attended in California. Ron Thomas knows of all these activities as I had regularly sent him email copies of all correspondence and via many personal telephone conversations.

Mr. Thomas and I had on several occasions discussed how I was to be compensated for these services and this was included as an exhibit to my original Claim Number 48 to which reference is herewith made. When it became probably that the company would file Chapter 11, I submitted my "Statement" for services which was transmitted prior to the Chapter 11 filing and that Statement" was also submitted as part of Claim Number 48.

Certified as true and accurate

Gunther Karger

September 24, 2004

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### Exhibit "C"

### E-mail from Ronald Thomas, CEO of Astrocom dated August 10, 2004

### Gunther

From:

"Ron" <ron@astrocorp.com>

To: Sent: "Gunther" <gunther@ieee.org> Tuesday, August 10, 2004 9:47 AM

Subject:

Re: Court case status

#### Gunther,

I don't intend to get into a discussion as to how I should handle things here, but I will give you a summary response to how I see this issue being handled. My intent is not to convince you or argue with you, since I believe we both have all the facts and have drawn our conclusions from the facts.

About 2 weeks ago I asked our attorney to request a summary judgement from the court, since I don't dispute the facts of the case and I will be satisfied with a judge reviewing the facts and making a judgement. I don't see a need for a drawn out and costly process and instructed our attorney to take this approach. I believe the initial actions were taken because that is the standard way to handle disputes. The "special" hearing is not special at all, but a required step in the process and does not alter the time frame of the case.

My position on this is simply that I would like a disinterested party, the judge, to look at the facts and make a decision. I have no personal animosity or anger and will be perfectly happy with the outcome, no matter which way it goes. I do have an obligation to see that all parties involved are treated equally base on their claim. That is where the judge comes in for this issue.

Sincerely, Ron

## United States Bankruptcy Court District of Minnesota

In re:	Bky: No. 03-35458(DDO)	
Astrocom Corporation Debtor	Chapter 11	
Order to Reject and dism	iss Objection to Claim Number 48	
At St. Paul, Minnesota this day	y of, 2004.	
Upon consideration of the motions and in Company's management plan including spec	aformation presented the Court concerning the ecifically the new board of directors,	
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:		
	rejected and that this claim be included in the . The Court further <b>orders</b> that the hearing on this cancelled.	
BY THE COURT:	•	
	Dennis D. O'Brien United States Bankruptcy Judge	